

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, the title has been amended and the specification has been amended to incorporate the priority information. Claims 2-25 have been amended to delete the multiple dependencies, to replace the words "characterized in that" with the word "wherein" and to make minor editorial changes. Also, an Abstract has been added herewith which was taken from the International Published Application

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the title, the specification, the claims, and the Abstract as amended.

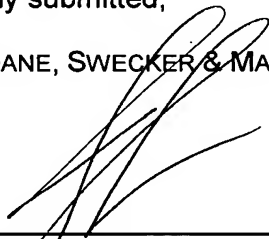
Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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